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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Kerry Stephen McClure et al : Paper No.:  
Serial No.: 10/663,889 : Group Art Unit: 3727  
Filing Date: September 16, 2003 : Examiner: Justin M. Larson  
For: Support Structure For A Spare Tire On A Vehicle

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 15, 2005, please amend the present application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 8 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.**